

registered foal she met the requirements for Elite Mare. The second mare in the test was Firefly, a six-year-old mare by Feiner Stern-EM Darn Lucky/Donnerkeil, bred by Deborah Reda and owned by Lauren Staley. She finished with a total score of 6.44. She was also up for studbook inspection, where

she received a 6.83, and was accepted into the Main Studbook.

The ribbon for the best Hanoverian mare, however, went to three-year-old Felicity, another Feiner Stern daughter (dam by Raphael Son II), bred and owned by Terri Boyagian. She received exactly the same score in the studbook

inspection as Firefly. Both mares were appealing in type, but Felicity had more correct legs, which in the end made the difference.

The one non-Hanoverian mare in the inspection was Wolkenfee, a seven-year-old Dutch mare by Krack C, presented by Kathleen A. Swalwell. She was accepted into the AHS Main Studbook with an overall score of 7.0. The highlight of her inspection was a really good trot with rhythm and suspension, for which she scored an 8.

Cheryl and Eric Johnson both had really big smiles on their faces after the foal show. They were extremely successful, winning both the titles of top colt and top filly from three foals they presented. Winning was not easy this day, as there was really strong competition. Breeders here have really invested in quality broodmares and the foal crop showed that this concept pays off. Nine colts and four fillies were presented and the overall quality was very high. The top colt was by Quarterback out of EM Hallelujah H.A., by His Highness. He had tremendous presence combined with a very attractive type and good movement. He was the most complete package, where as the second-ranked colt by Sinatra Song-EM Donnabella/Donnerschlag, bred by Sandra L. Hunt was the colt with the best trot. Called back to the ring once more were colts by Landkönig and Royal Prince.

The top filly was bred out of another His Highness daughter, EM Heiress B, and sired by the legendary Weltmeyer, showing that his qualities are not going out of fashion. His daughter excelled with correct conformation, type and good gaits, and her walk deserves special mention. The second-ranked filly, light footed and very typey and feminine, was by Escudo II-Expose/Eminenz, bred by Terri Boyagian.

It is always a pleasure to attend inspections at this site, as this is a working farm with many enthusiastic volunteers present on the day. Quite a large and interested audience attended the inspection, which is gratifying to see and gives hope for further growth of the breed in this area. ▶



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**TURNING POINT FARM** — Above: Felicity (Feiner Stern-Razzmatazz/Raphael Son II); Top colt, Qrown Prince, by Quarterback-EM Hallelujah H.A./His Highness.; Top filly, Wyleigh Princess, by Weltmeyer-EM Heiress B/His Highness. Right: Dragon Fly (Donnerkeil-Polaria II/Kompass)